

## FROM DAYTON, VA.

Our trip to Craig and Allegheny counties was productive of seventeen additions to the Brethren church and one more applicant for baptism. Seven of these were added to the Ripley Mills congregation. The remaining ten are at New Prospect in Allegheny county, nearly twenty miles from any other Brethren church. This is a field of more than usual promise, yet it is beset with many obstacles. The sectarian spirit is prominent while true Christ-likeness is quite obscured and difficult to discover. Preachers are plentiful, with minds richly stored with prejudice, selfish ambition, and ecclesiastical dogma; yet the love of God and for fellow-man breathes its sweet zephyrs on but few hearts. In such a field we endeavored to reveal a living God and a loving Savior. After preaching eighteen sermons and receiving ten little lambs into the fold, we had to close owing to the nearness of the District Convention. O, how it pains our very soul to leave these little lambs at the mercy of the fierce wolves, clothed in the garb of professed Christianity. Yet we know that the good Shepherd can and will deliver all those that look to him.

After preaching a few more sermons in Craig Co., we bid friends farewell and started for the convention at Maurertown. Here we met many old friends, and had a pleasant and profitable sojourn for a few days. All things considered, the convention was a decided success.

Fraternally,

May 23.

J. S. BOWMAN.

## FROM NEW ENTERPRISE, PA.

The Brethren at this place held their spring love feast or communion, on Sunday evening, May 24, and we had the pleasure of seeing the largest number of communicants present that (we think) ever surrounded the tables at this place since the organization of the church. About ninety persons communed. Also three persons united with the church on the above date. One by baptism, one by relation and one by letter.

Elder E. H. Smith our pastor, assisted by elder S. B. Furry of Martinsburg, Pa., conducted the services during the day and evening to the satisfaction of all present. The congregation was large, the order good, and nothing (save that a very few of our members failed to present themselves at the table of the Lord,) occurred to mar the pleasure of one of the most enjoyable communions we ever had the pleasure of attending.

We have nothing special to report in regard to general church work here more than that we are moving along nicely in

all the different departments of the church. The S. S. C. E. recently purchased new matting for the church which was very acceptable. We are very anxious to learn the P. O. address of brother J. B. Mellott, who when we last had the pleasure of meeting, lived in Fulton Co., Pa. Any one able to give us the desired information will confer a favor by addressing the undersigned. By request of a number of people from Waterside, Pa., and by consent of the Presbyterian brethren of that place for us to use their church, Brother Smith now preaches at that place two Sunday evenings each month. It is about two miles distant from this place.

Fraternally,

S. L. BUCK.

## FROM NORTH GEORGETOWN, O.

The Brethren church at this place has again agreed with Rev. J. L. Kimmel for another years' preaching. We now have services every two weeks, which is an advancement to the cause of Christ, as the members are more active, and better attendance is had. No providential interference there will be services on Thursday evening, June 11, and continue over Sunday. Communion services will be on Sunday evening, June 14. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like faith.

G. A. RUFF, Cor. Sec.

## MISSIONARY NOTES.

The church at McVeytown, Mifflin Co., Pa., holds its Love Feast June 13, and the church at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon Co., the 20th. Our communion at McAlisterville, Juniata Co., is past. It was private for the benefit of a sick sister. These missions are growing in practical interest. A Sunday-school has been organized at McAlisterville, and a King's Children at McVeytown. I am now preaching in the vicinities of these center points. The work is favorable. Full houses, doctrine takes, churches offered.

MARY M. STERLING.

## GOOD WORK IN THE CITY.

We have neglected to report our additions. Five have been added since last report. Two baptized from home church, and one baptized from Front and Thompson Mission, first addition from our new mission here in city. This mission we expect will be a grand success by and by. Brother Clemens, an excellent mission worker has charge of said mission. Baptized one in Allentown, and received one also from G. G. Brethren. To-night our cottage prayer meeting will be held at Front and Thompson Mission.

I. D. BOWMAN.

## BROTHER SPANOGLE HEARD FROM.

A few jottings from this part of God's moral bailiwick might be of some interest to the many, or at least to some of the readers of the EVANGELIST. We have entered upon another years' *pastoral* work (not "pastorial" work as some will have it) in the churches of Altoona and McKees. The latter church for a few years has not been prospering as was hoped for. This was owing to a slight internal disturbance, which had become chronic. It became evident that heroic treatment was necessary, and, unsheathing the scalpel, we made an incision, and oh my! how the pus of malice and hatred flowed! the wound healed, and now the church is bounding along in all her glory. Additions to her membership are frequent, full of the spirit; the very songs are full of the Holy Ghost, a new impetus has come and we are all happy.

Last evening (21st) we held our communion service. It reminded us of yore, when we were in the zenith of our glory. Tables crowded. Our young people conducted the song service in splendid form making the service enjoyable to both saint and sinner. Brother E. H. Smith and his good wife were with us, which was much appreciated. We mistake the signs of the times if the church at McKees is not on the wave of success and prosperity—of course we don't like to toot our own trumpet, but with the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, the Midianites will have to get up and dust. The Altoona church is steadily increasing its forces, gradually the ranks are filling, and not only numerically, but we are confident, spiritually. For zeal and spiritual activity, we will place the Altoona church along side of any other. Soon too, will we worship under our own vine and fig tree. The building of a new church was decided upon, when an opportunity came for the purchasing of a comfortable and pleasant chapel from our Presbyterian brethren, the committee at once saw an opportunity of avoiding a big church debt, and purchased the chapel. It is now on its foundation, and is being fitted up in good shape, and soon we will sing within our own Zion. All in all, the churches to whom we minister are healthful. Our Sunday-schools are successful, and under the influence of our own literature—which by the way, is the peer of any—we are doing good work. Thus you will observe Brother Editor, that while we do not blow the trumpet as loudly, and as often as some others, yet we are down to solid work, and we praise the Lord for his goodness.

W. L. SPANOGLE.

Roaring Springs, Pa.